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MINNESOTA BULLETIN NO. 250-5-18

SUBJECT: FNM - MEETINGS, CONFERENCE, ETC. - INTER-TRIBAL CONSERVATION WORKSHOP

ACTION DUE BY: October 7, 2005

Purpose. To provide authorization information for attendance at the Minnesota Inter-Tribal Conservation Workshop.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2006.

The Minnesota Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwa are co-hosting the "Minnesota Inter-Tribal Conservation Workshop-A Consultation with NRCS" at the Mille Lacs Grand Casino Hotel and Conference Center on November 2, 2005. Representatives from all of the tribes in Minnesota are invited. The meeting will focus on opportunities related to cultural resources, Conservation Security Program, Plant Materials, Technical Service Providers, and Farm Bill input. The following employees are authorized to attend:

- State Conservationist, all Assistant State Conservationists, State Outreach Coordinator, and Public Affairs Specialist - on government time and expense.
- NRCS speakers and presenters listed on the attached agenda - on government time and expense.
- District Conservationists and tribal liaisons serving counties with reservations - on government time and expense.
- Other NRCS field and Area staff recommended by the ASTC (FO) and approved by the State Conservationist - on government time and expense.

Assistant State Conservationists (FO) should submit a list of recommended participants to **Cutrina Moreland, Acting State Outreach Coordinator, by October 7, 2005**. Travel authorizations for those approved outside the State Office will be prepared at the applicable Area level. A block of rooms has been reserved under "MN Inter-Tribal Conservation Workshop" at the Mille Lacs Grand Casino Hotel for those approved for travel expenses. **Please call the hotel (1-800-468-3517) and confirm your individual reservation by October 11, 2005**. Room rates are available for \$49.90 plus tax.

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Attachment - Agenda

DIST: AO

Dwight Tober, PMC Specialist, NRCS, Bismarck, ND

J. R. Flores, STC, NRCS, Bismarck, ND

Cutrina Moreland, NRCS, St. Paul, MN

Minnesota Inter-Tribal Conservation Workshop Agenda

A Consultation with NRCS

November 2, 2005

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| 8:30 - 9:00 am | Registration |
| 9:00 - 9:30 am | Opening Ceremony |
| | Opening Comments |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Curt Kalk, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Commissioner of Natural Resources• William Hunt, NRCS State Conservationist |
| 9:30 - 10:10 am | Cultural Resources Agreement – Signing of Agreement |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patrick McLoughlin – NRCS Cultural Resources Specialist• Tom McCauley – White Earth THPO• Elise Aune – Mille Lacs Band Cultural Resources |
| 10:10 - 10:30 am | BREAK |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review Posters and Displays |
| 10:30 - 11:15 am | Conservation Security Program (CSP) |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leah Duzy, NRCS Agricultural Economist |
| 11:15 - 11:45 am | Farm Bill Introduction |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tim Koehler, NRCS Assistant State Conservationist – Farm Bill |
| 11:45 - 12:45 pm | LUNCH |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review Posters and Displays |
| 12:45 - 1:35 p.m. | Plant Materials - NRCS Plant Materials Activities and Rain Gardens |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dwight Tober, NRCS Plant Materials Specialist, Bismarck, North Dakota• Gregg Thompson, Landscape Restoration Specialist, Anoka SWCD |
| 1:35 - 2:00 p.m. | BREAK |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review Poster and Displays |
| 2:00 - 2:50 p.m. | Technical Service Providers – An Opportunity for Tribes |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paul Flynn, NRCS State Resource Conservationist• Jeff St. Ores, NRCS Water Quality Specialist |
| 2:50 - 3:30 p.m. | Farm Bill Input and Closing Comments |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• William Hunt• Curt Kalk• Tim Koehler |